

# Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act: AWIC Workshop

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Bethesda, Maryland

***NOTE: Each participant must bring their own wireless enabled laptop for use during the workshop.***

Held in conjunction with the 2010 Animal Welfare and Scientific Research: 1985-2010 Symposium, this workshop is targeted for principal investigators, members of IACUCs, information providers, administrators of animal use programs, and veterinarians responsible for providing information to meet the requirements of the AWA.

The regulations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) require that investigators provide Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC) with documentation demonstrating that alternatives to procedures that may cause more than momentary pain or distress to the animals have been considered and that activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments. A thorough literature search regarding alternatives meets this Federal mandate. An alternative is any procedure which results in the reduction in the numbers of animals used, refinement of techniques, or replacement of animals.

## **Agenda**

- 7:30-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00-9:45 Animal Welfare Legislation (Animal Welfare Act, Regulations, Other Policies)
- 9:45-10:30 Definition of Alternatives
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 AWIC Services and Databases
- Noon-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 Search Strategies, Mechanics and Examples
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:45 Hands-On Searching Exercises
- 4:45-5:00 Review and Evaluations

